

RECOGNIZING PENNRIDGE CITIZEN  
OF THE YEAR: PATRICIA A. GUTH

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patricia Guth being named the Pennridge Citizen of the Year.

Dedicated to education and administration; Dr. Guth began her teaching career in the Central Bucks School District and in 1958 began teaching in the Pennridge School District. Throughout her career with the Pennridge School District, Dr. Guth was the director of Elementary Education as well as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction.

In addition, Dr. Guth was the author and model presenter of Alternative Teaching Strategies for the federal grant awarded to the Pennridge School District.

In 1992 Pennridge School District Board of Directors, rededicated Perkasio Elementary School as Dr. Patricia A. Guth Elementary School. Patricia A. Guth Elementary School is a fitting tribute to Dr. Guth's work and the dedicated faculty and staff who have shaped it over the last five decades.

Dr. Guth is an example of countless individuals who have served their community professionally and continue to contribute their experience, time and service through their retirement years. Dr. Guth, has set the bar for citizenship and service for which others should aspire to.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN OVERTON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Overton of Indianola, Iowa for his 50 years of service in the funeral home industry, as recognized by the 2016 Iowa Funeral Directors Association Convention.

Mr. Overton was licensed as a funeral director and embalmer in 1966. He took over the family business, Overton Funeral Home, in 1983. It is one of the oldest businesses in Indianola, founded by his grandfather, Lewis Overton, in 1928. John's wife, Barbara, also helped the funeral home with bookkeeping, marketing and community outreach programs, as well as serving as treasurer.

Though he retired as President of Overton Funeral Home, he continued to serve as funeral director. Through all of his years in the funeral service, he has been an active member of his community. He is also an ordained elder at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Past President of the Indianola Rotary Club, and a former board member of the Indianola Chamber of Commerce.

I commend John for his half century of service to families during those tough times we all face. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating John Overton for his dedication and years of service.

HONORING THE COAST GUARD  
TRAINING CENTER PETALUMA

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma in Sonoma County, California, on their 45th year of operations. The Training Center, the Coast Guard's largest on the West Coast, plays an essential role in training and developing their workforce and carrying out the mission of the organization.

Originally known as Two Rock Station, the 876-acre property was purchased by the United States Army in 1942 to serve as an electronic intercept station during World War II. During the Vietnam War, it was expanded to include training facilities for Army soldiers. On July 1, 1971, the United States Coast Guard took over ownership of the facility, renaming the site and expanding the property's functionality with new barracks, family housing units, and a water treatment plant.

Today, the Training Center serves as home to more than 650 active duty service members, civilian employees, and military family members. Each year, more than 3,000 students attend basic and advanced career training courses to become cooks, medics, yeomen, information technicians, operations specialists, and more. The Training Center also hosts leadership courses like the Chief Petty Officers Academy, which prepares members of the service's senior enlisted corps for their roles as front-line leaders and mentors.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we congratulate the United States Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma on its 45th year of operations, and thank the Center and its people for its contributions to our nation's safety, security and environmental stewardship.

HONORING IRONDALE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Irondale United Methodist Church on its 150th anniversary.

The church has a rich history in Washington County. Known first as the Irondale Methodist Episcopal Church—South, its first building was constructed in 1866 and dedicated in 1867, free of debt. The first trustees of the church were: John Jamison, Stephen Denton, Garrett Tidwell, Elbridge Thompson, James D. Denton, James S. Evans and James B. Yeargin. It is the oldest church in Irondale.

Irondale Methodist celebrates its 150th with two days of celebration featuring Rev. Jimmie Robinson who grew up across the street from the church.

Known affectionately as the "Old Brick Church," Irondale Methodist currently has only 12 members. Although its numbers have diminished, its mission remains the same: To spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and reach the people of Washington County.

It is my great pleasure to recognize the Irondale United Methodist Church's sesqui-

centennial celebration today before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIM HILL,  
CAPTAIN, PHOENIX FIRE DE-  
PARTMENT, PAST PRESIDENT,  
PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS  
OF ARIZONA, EXECUTIVE VICE  
PRESIDENT, UNITED PHOENIX  
FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Tim Hill of the Phoenix Fire Department. Tim is retiring today and an incredible thirty one years as a first responder in our community. In addition to serving as a fire fighter, Tim also dedicated his career to serving the greater needs of the fire fighter community and Arizona as a whole.

Tim served as the President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona and as the Executive Vice President of the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association. In both roles he provided support to his brothers and sisters in the fire-fighting profession and worked with elected officials and the Arizona Legislature to make policy changes to help every Arizona first responder.

Tim served as President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona when we lost 19 brave young fire fighters from the Granite Mountain Hot Shot team in June of 2013. That was such a tragic loss for our community and our state, and I am so grateful to Tim for the grace, leadership, and compassion he showed in such a difficult time.

Additionally Tim served on the Arizona Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Commission which recently completed the construction and grand opening of the only memorial honoring the 119 fire fighters, paramedics and emergency personnel in Arizona. His work to make the memorial a reality is a testament to his dedication to his fellow fire fighters and emergency personnel and the entire State of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING MR. CARL  
GOTZMER ON FIFTY YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO THE UNITED  
STATES NAVY

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my congratulations to Carl Gotzmer of Accokeek, Maryland, in the Fifth District. On June 30, Carl will be receiving his fifty-year pin from the United States Navy in recognition of a half-century of civilian service at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division.

Carl is one of our nation's leading experts on energetics, the field of study concerning the movement of energy in a system. This field has wide application in defense technologies, and Carl has drawn on his deep knowledge of it to design systems that help seamen protect our homeland and carry out missions overseas in support of our interests